



Heinrich von Kleist

Michael Kohlhaas (English Translation)

Michael Kohlhaas (English Translation)

By Heinrich von Kleist (1777-1811)

Translated by Frances A King

Michael Kohlhaas is an 1811 novella by Heinrich von Kleist, based on a 16th-century story of Hans Kohlhase. Both the theme (a fanatical quest for justice) and the style (existentialist detachment posing as a chronicle) are surprisingly modern. They resonated with other writers more than a century after it was written. Kafka devoted one of only two public appearances in his whole life to reading passages from *Michael Kohlhaas*. Kafka said that he "could not even think of" this work "without being moved to tears and enthusiasm." (Introduction by Wikipedia)

Total running time: 04:08:43; read by Greg W. Dedicated Proof-Listener: mim@can. Meta-Coordinator/Cataloging: Neeru Iyer.

This recording is in the public domain and may be reproduced, distributed, or modified without permission. For more information or to volunteer, visit librivox.org.

Cover picture by *William Morris & Company* (1915-1917). Copyright expired in US, Canada, EU, and all countries with author's life +70 yrs laws. Cover design by Janette Brown. This design is in the public domain.

Michael Kohlhaas (English Translation)

Heinrich von Kleist